

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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School Notices Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8:30 - 8:55am Afternoon: 3:20 -3:35pm

Bell Times:

School Begins 8:55am Recess: 11:10–11:30am Lunch: 1:30 -2:20pm Finish: 3:20pm

Student Absences:

Please phone the office by 9:00am if your child will not be at school on 57 521808.

Or mark absence on PAM.



Term 4

Monday 30th September Wednesday 19th December Last Day for all students

MASS TIMES

Myrtleford

Saturday @ 6:00pm Sunday @ 9.00am

Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the Month @ 5:00pm

Click on the link

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

There are some people who light up our lives. They are good to be around, we spark up when we see them and they can make a dismal day seem so much brighter. And they don't seem aware of it. It is not a deliberate tactic or strategy – it is just who they are. On the other hand, there are those who can drag any day down, they can make us feel dismal, guilty even. We are not all built the same way, not all bright and breezy personalities and we all go through tough times, times that make us sad or depressed but, even in those times, our inner light can shine. "Let your light shine before others" Jesus tells us, not in some boastful bragging fashion but so that others may get a glimpse of God through you.

Along The Track - Jim Quillinan

St Mary's really does have an amazing staff! Term 4 is notoriously busy in schools, and regardless of who is leading the school, this staff jump in and offer assurance and help whenever they can. Many of them have their own crazy Term 4 challenges going on in their personal lives, while in their classes they are writing reports, budgeting for 2024, and preparing for next year's students while still being attentive to this year's class. We greatly appreciate their efforts as they continue to support those of us in new roles.

Please keep an eye on our calendar in the newsletter as there are lots of things happening this term

We continue to keep in mind those around us who are unwell, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Kerlin, are always in our prayers.



Congratulations to
Isabel and Molly
on receiving the
Golden Student Award
"In Deeds Not Words"

CONGRATULATIONS

We love to celebrate those who go beyond to always do their best in all areas of schooling. Congratulations to Molly Mullane-Grant and Isabel Law as they received our highest school award "In Deeds, Not Words".

How wonderful that we acknowledge those who strive to be their best every day. We are very proud of you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Adam Davis, who has been working diligently getting the students show entries in and organising the school display. This is a huge task to negotiate along with his usual class tasks of both Art and Sport, it is greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

As lovely as it is to have students who are keen to be at school, we would like to remind parents that children shouldn't be at school before 8:30am in the morning, as no one is officially on yard duty.

ORIMI SURVEY

Each year the schools in Sandhurst complete a survey to track how we are interacting with our staff, students and parents. The Orimi survey gives feedback to the school with a breakdown of areas we are working well in and areas we can improve on. Some of our families were randomly selected to participate in the survey last week and the responses received are anonymous. It is very beneficial for the school when we receive feedback as it helps plan for the following year. We ask those families to make sure they finish the surveys this week if possible. Let your children know when you have completed the survey, as they will come in and get a chocolate frog, just a little incentive (families who did not get a survey, your students will also get a frog).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We understand that with 'Billy and Me' closing last Saturday this has created some anxiety regarding accessing our school uniform. We are waiting on more information on how and where our school uniform will be available to purchase. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, if you any concerns with your child's uniform please call the school office on 57521 808.

HATS

As we are a Sun Smart school, in Term 1 and Term 4 all students need to be wearing a hat. We have a 'No Hat-No Play' policy during these terms. Please ensure that your child brings their school hat clearly labelled with their name on it. When items of uniform are named, it is so much easier to return it to the correct person. We have quite a few jumpers in lost property that have no name or it has faded. If your child is missing a jumper come and have a look in lost property.

We received a beautiful bunch of flowers last week to share with the students and parishioners. This was a thank you from the Presentation nuns who made the journey to Myrtleford to enjoy our 100 Years celebration. It really was a wonderful weekend, seeing and hearing so many stories about our amazing school and its history. The flowers are in the Church fover for the parishioners to also enjoy.

Have a great week and enjoy the Myrtleford Show, those who are attending.

Gab Jackson
Acting Principal



SIGNING YOUR CHILD IN & OUT & LATE TO SCHOOL PROCESS

All Children who arrive at school after 8:55am or leave school before 3:20pm MUST be signed in/out at the office.

If for any reason, you need to take your child out of school during school hours, please come to the office to sign your child out.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital that you notify the school prior to 9am, giving the reason for the absence e.g. If your child is sick, attending an appointment, family holiday etc.

- Mark absence on PAM.
- Send a note with your child on their return to school, or beforehand if you know in advance
- School answering machine is on out of hours, so you can leave a message 57521808



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

You can access information about the Child Safe Standards and St. Mary's commitment to the implementation of these standards, including resources, policies, procedures and links, via the school website (www.smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au).

SCHOOL NEWS



ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS

We will be selling Zooper Doopers every Friday lunch time for the rest of this term.

Zooper Doopers – 50 cents each.



There will be a limit of 2 per student.

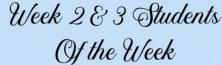
MANGO FUNDRAISER

Thank you to Kaelah Barnes for all you work with the Parents and Friends Association and their latest fund-raising venture, mango's.

Thank you to all the families who have placed orders.









CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 'A VERY AUSSIE CHRISTMAS'

This year's Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, 30th November with the theme "A Very Aussie Christmas." To accommodate all families who wish to watch the concert, we will be having two shows at 5pm and 7pm. All St. Mary's students will be offered a hot dog and snack in between performances.

Students received costume information yesterday. Children are encouraged to be creative and have fun, but do not feel the need to go and buy anything. Creativity is best!

Please note that tickets will go on sale closer to the performance and sale dates will be advertised. We ask that family members only attend one show. Tickets are \$5 per adult and children under 5 will be considered a lap child and will not receive a seat. The performing students will not need their own ticket.

All students will need to attend the performances. Anyone who will not be participating needs to email acting principal Leigh Corcoran no later than November 23rd. lcorcoran@smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL APP

The school Team App allows us to inform parents about events that are happening in our school and to send reminders to families about upcoming excursions or notes required to be returned to school.

Follow the steps below to access St. Mary's Team App:

- 1 Download Team App (http://teamapp.com/app).
- 2 Launch Team App and search for St Mary's Primary School.
- 3 Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- 4 Search for St Mary's Primary School and request access to group(s) that apply to you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Friday 27 th	Hume Region Basketball- Shepparton
Tuesday 31st	Foundation 2024 School Readiness Day 9:30 to 10:45am
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 1st	JLC Area Mass 9:15am
Monday 6 th	Pupil Free Day (Report Writing Day)
Tuesday 7 th	Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup Day)
Wednesday 8 th	Interschool Sport Year 3 to 6
Thursday 9 th & Friday10 th	MLC Beechworth Camp
Tuesday 14 th	SLC Liturgy 9:15am
Tuesday 14 th	Dental Van Visit
Monday 20 th	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 21st	Festival of the Sacred Wangaratta Year 5/6
Tuesday 21st	Foundation Transition Day 9 to 11:30am
Thursday 23 rd	Presentation Mass 9:30am
Friday 24 th	Hume Region Kanga 8's Cricket Mooroopna
Tuesday 28 th	Foundation Transition Day 9 to 11:30am
Thursday 30 th	School Production – 'A Very Aussie Christmas'
DECEMBER	
Monday 4 th	Assembly at EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Orientation Day Marian College for Year 6 Students
Wednesday 6 th	Swimming Program Day 1
Thursday 7 th	MLC Area Mass 9:15am
Thursday 7 th	Swimming Program Day 2
Friday 8 th	Swimming Program Day 3
Monday 11 th	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12 th	State Wide Orienation Day
Thursday 14 th	End Of Year Whole School Mass 9:30am
Monday 18 th	Final Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 19 th	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19 th	Last Day of Term for all students 3:20pm finish
Wednesday 20 th	Pupil Free (Staff Planning Day for 2024)

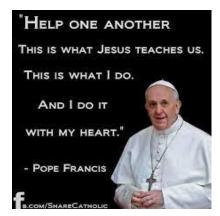
Italiam Performance - 'Vacanze Romane'

Last Tuesday afternoon Signora Rinaldi organised an Italian performance to come to school. The performance was called Vacanze Romane. Michelle was the actress and she did the whole show on her own. She did a fantastic job and kept all the students thoroughly entertained.





CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY YEAR

In the last newsletter, I thanked the 'Tuck Shop Ladies'/Parish Ladies for such an amazing effort with the Centenary Luncheon and Dinner. I would like to individually thank each person for their hard work. Thank you to Bev Rossato, Kath Wood, Claire Sacco, Vienna Broz, Carla Orderico, Helen Morgan, Marg Kirk, Eileen Garoni, Jodie Cuskelly and Jennifer Leita. You are all such talented and hardworking ladies. We are so blessed to have you in our Parish.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

I would also like to specifically name the dynamic P&F team: Tiffany Iaria, Renee Cullen, Trisha Robinson and Sharon Rivett and Jay Rivett . Thank you for your hard work and yummy scones. The Devonshire Tea was a huge success thanks to you.

AREA MASSES/ LITURGIES

All families are invited to attend our Area Masses/Liturgies this term.

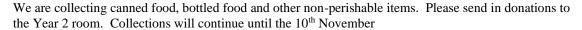
JLC - Wednesday November 1st at 9:15am

MLC - Thursday December 7th at 9:15am

SLC - Tuesday November 14th at 9:15am (Liturgy)

OUR CALL TO MISSION

This term, the Year 1 and 2 students are supporting St Vincent de Paul by collecting non-perishable food items as a part of 'Our Call to Mission' in Religious Education. We are asking all St Mary's families to please help us with our mission.



Have a lovely week, Jo Bennett (Catholic Identity Leader)

JUNIOR NEWS

This is the time of year when we excitedly begin to welcome our new Foundation students for 2024. Last week and this week, we participated in the Foundation Readiness program, where the Kinder educators walked students to and from kinder for a visit. We loved welcoming them to our space and getting to know them more. Thank you to Mrs Jackson for taking the current Foundies. They felt very grown up to be working with the Year 5/6 teacher!

We will host another readiness morning next week before our official transition days commence later in November. Please ask us if you, or anyone you know, has any questions about enrolling.





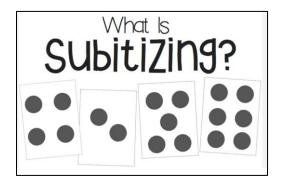


FOUNDATION

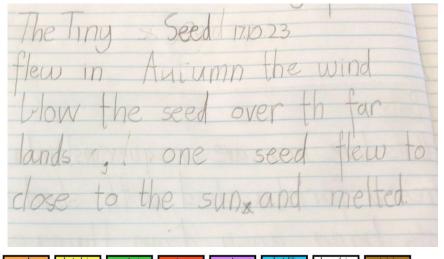
In maths, Foundation students are reviewing the concept of addition with strategies such as number lines and part-part/whole. This has been a fun, hands-on lesson where students are beginning to 'see' how different numbers are made; for example, 15 is made of 10 and 5, 7 and 8 or even 2 and 13 (plus more combinations). The parts, when added together, become the whole. You can also play this game at home. For an extra challenge, try giving them the whole and only one part and ask them to figure out the rest.

YEAR 1

In Maths, students have enjoyed the challenge of learning place value. They have begun to experiment with three digit numbers (Hundreds, Tens, Ones). Students have revisited a strategy called 'subitizing' where they look at a collection and identify the amount visually. We have also been learning to add and subtract two digit numbers using vertical algorithms.



In English we have been learning about sentence expansion. We have been reading picture books about living things to tie into Inquiry and using a storybook to write related sentences. The students are given a 'Kernel' (sentence starter) and the students identify the 'Who, What, Where, When, Why, How' etc. using Colourful Semantics.



















YEAR 2

The Year 2 students have continued to work hard this fortnight. They start each day with touch typing and have all improved their hand positioning, speed and accuracy with their typing.

In maths, the students have continued to work with fractions. They have placed fractions on a number line and found equivalent fractions for ½ and ¼ . They will proceed into simple addition of fractions.

In literacy, we have continued to analyse the classification of animals and the associated vocabulary, such as: carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. The students have continued to build on their sentence writing capabilities and have been expanding their sentences.

We have learnt the doubling rule for adding vowel suffixes this week and have continued to use a variety of prefixes and suffixes. In Religious Education, the Year 1 and 2 students have continued to work on their project for the residents of Myrtleford and Barwidgee Lodges as a part of their 'Call to Mission.'

We will be planting seeds to grow carnations in class and ask for empty 1.5 L soft drink bottles to be brought in, to be used as our pot.

OUR CALL TO MISSION

This term, the Year 1 and 2 students are supporting St Vincent de Paul by collecting non-perishable food items as a part of 'Our Call to Mission' in Religious Education.

We will be collecting canned food items and other non- perishable food goods from now until Friday November 10th to donate to the Myrtleford Branch of St Vincent de Paul.

Please donate by sending non-perishable food items into your child's class.

Your donated goods, help St Vincent de Paul to assist people in

our community and other communities by giving them food parcels and other basic necessities.

Have a fantastic week, Ashley, Carolyn, Jo, Sonia and Sandra



MIDDLE NEWS

CAMP MEDICAL NOTES

Notes went home last week, requesting information if any students will require medication to be taken during our school camp. It would be really helpful to us, if you are able to return the notes to school, even if the medication isn't brought to school until the morning of the camp. This will assist in our paperwork/administration of medications prior to leaving on the first day.

MATHS WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Thank you for supporting your children to complete and return their Maths homework sheets. The children have been doing a great job of returning them to class each Monday.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS - MATHS

Students are now able to access Times Tables Rock Stars on devices (tablets/laptops/computers/iPads). Students were given login details last week and we are currently using it on a trial basis but would really encourage all students to use it over the next couple of weeks as we are keen to see its effectiveness.

https://ttrockstars.com is the website your children can access to continue their Times Tables fun!

HATS AND WATER BOTTLES

Congratulations to our students who are doing a wonderful job of remembering to bring and wear their hats to school each day. We recently checked to see that names are clearly labelled and easy to read, as they are sometimes left lying around. Clear labelling makes it easy for hats to be returned to children.

There are still a number of children who are not bringing their water bottles to school each day - an important reminder, especially with our warmer weather approaching.

Have a great weekend. Julie, April, Anna and Lucia

SENIOR NEWS

Well, we have had some interesting weather over the last two weeks - hot and sunny, windy and even freezing cold and raining! Thankfully we are back on the oval, now it has dried out. Skipping, downball, basketball and soccer have been the favourites during recess and lunch play.

Good luck to all the students heading off to Regional basketball tournament on Friday.

During Bluearth we started off with a moon-ball team challenge, basically keeping a gator-skin off the ground using a volleyball action. Teams of 6-8 worked through different strategies to achieve the highest score. The best was an outstanding **187** touches! Then we played an epic combat game that included the entire SLC and 3/4AN. This was extremely competitive, and everyone operated with great sportsmanship and huge smiles.

WRITING

This term we are revisiting 'show don't tell' when we are writing. The focus is using our words to paint a picture for the reader by explaining what you can see, hear, smell, taste or touch, describing how the character is feeling through body language or facial expressions and trying a variety of sentence starters. Last week we had to secretively choose an object in the class and write three descriptive sentences as clues for the rest of the class to guess. This was a fun task, see if you can guess any of the objects below.

A white tall shiny rectangular prism with tiny holes standing out. Vents that keep us healthy and it likes to hum through its tiny holes.

Answer: Air purifier. -Hunter S

The blue circle with chunks of green in the middle lies at the top of the classroom. The smooth feel of paper as it folds back.

Answer: Planet picture. -Judd C

It has lots of buttons and numbers. It has circles and they are white. It stands up on an angle. It has a spiral stretchy cord.

Answer: The phone. -Violet M

It holds a candle inside. It has ropes around it and the black cage protects what is inside. It has white beads drooping around it.

Answer: Lantern -Aimee P

The brown oak deathly still as the green petals sway in the blue sky and show homes for feathered creatures. The undisturbed paper-thin sitting on a clean smooth desk in possession of a name. The tall pen-like timber with an unblunted tip zig zags on the clean paper.

Answer: Tree outside -**Kirk Q**

The small circular shape dangling from up high can make lots of sound if moving. The circular shape with small spaces has a little ball sitting there all by itself. While hanging by a thread and on its right is its twin.

Answer: Small decorative bell. -Ashton M

A disc shaped star. A bright yellow ring around it stands out from all the others. The fiery spots with different shades.

Answer: The Sun picture. -Harry B

This object can take you to another world, quite literally with a man strategically arranged on the front with an obscure face.

Answer: Novel with an astronaut on the front. -Leah P

It has a long frame with fluro green on it. It's built to fly across rough terrains. With most of it made out of metal. Leavers and wires are running all around it.

Answer: Dakar's MTB -Mitch M

Bleached and milky white it acts protectively framing the walls. Chipped in places it still holds a purpose. It has intricate details which makes it noticeable when you're walking by. If you touched its surface your hands would run smoothly down to the base.

Answer: Architrave around the walls. -Izzy R

It is silver and shiny. It is circular in shape. It makes sounds when it's shaked. It is made of metal. It has a metal ball inside of it. It is attached to a string. It is small.

Answer: Small bell. -Corey S

The shimmering auriferous colour stands out from everything around it. The meaningful phraseology written in a particular verbalisation, given different insight on the meaning, connected to our inquiry topic last term, pulled by a mesmerising force on a white surface.

Answer: Vocabulary posters, relating to mountains. -Hunter C

The fluorescent yellow scorches my eyes as I stare at it, longer and longer. The bright silver outline surrounds the bright colours. Matte-black stitched writing pre-eminence on the top left corner. Big in size, it will make you stand out in any crowd.

Answer: Yellow safety vest -Emily L

As I focused my gaze upon the vibrant eye-catching poster, yellow lettering crosses the page. Hundreds of milky white words line the centre, and a white underline of a swirling heart lies beneath the heading.

Answer: Prayer sheet. -Emma P

RELIGION

We are currently comparing three religions - Christianity, Islam and Judaism, which is actually extremely relevant with ongoing world events. Students have to research religious symbols, prayers, scriptures, celebrations, holy days and places of worship. Investigating the similarities and differences between the three has been intriguing for everyone.

The Festival of the Sacred dances and songs are continuing to be practiced. Some students have been very brave and auditioned for speaking and singing roles. The successful applicants will be announced within the next week or so to allow them plenty of time to practice.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to focus on **revision for maths**, reminding students of all the areas that could come up in our PAT testing next Monday and Tuesday. Our reading and writing this week is a piece related to **space exploration with attached questions**. Students should (and everyone knows this) use the number of lines as the aim for their answer to a question. We are able to share our opinions clearly during a discussion but transferring this into well-structured and engaging sentences is our ongoing task. A little bit (10 minutes each night is achievable and makes the world of difference).

Until next time - soak up all the vitamin D! Hannah, Gab and Ruth

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

O&M DIVISION & HUME REGION ATHLETICS

St Mary's has recently had a team of students represent our school at the Ovens & Mitta Division Athletics in Wangaratta. Of the twenty-five St Mary's participants, seven achieved results that would qualify them for the next level of competition: the Hume Region Athletics in Albury. Of these students three have been successful in qualifying for the state championships, which will be held in Melbourne.

O&M Division Athletics Results (Qualified for Hume Region):

Chayse Coleman 2nd Triple Jump: 7.44m Leah Preston 2nd Shot Put: 5.82m Ben McLean 1st 800m: 2:50mins

Claye Corcoran 1st Triple Jump: 7.10m & 2nd Long Jump: 3.48m

Billy McMahon 1st Shot Put: 8.36m

Milla Corcoran 1st 80m Hurdles: 15.43secs & 1st Long Jump: 4.30m

Lachlan McDonald 1st Shot Put: 7.82m

Hume Region Athletics Results (Qualified for State):

Ben McLean 2nd 800m: 2.43mins Billy McMahon 2nd Shot Put: 8.37m

Milla Corcoran 1st 80m Hurdles: 14.40secs & 1st Long Jump: 4.11m

Special mention to Claye Corcoran who came 3^{rd} in Triple Jump and 5^{th} in Long Jump, only narrowly missing out on state qualification.

Adam Davis PE Coordinator



Ovens Valley United Cricket Club



Woolworths Cricket Blast is a fun and fast program for kids of all abilities to learn the skills and play Australia's favourite sport.

Ages 5-7

For kids new to cricket Learn new skills including catching, throwing, batting and bowling through fun games based

 Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes

Ages 7-10

For kids with basic cricket skills Skill development activities and blast games where everyone gets to bat, bowl and field

Make new friends and play together

Myrtleford

Thursdays from 4:30pm 9 Nov 2023 to 14 Dec 2023 and 8 Feb 2023 to 29 Feb 2023 2 x FREE 'Come and Try' Sessions Nov 9 and Nov 16

Park, Duke St, Myrtleford

Enquiries: ovucc.mail@gmail.com

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